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SUBJECT: OECD DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES

REF: (A) ARTHUR YOUNG AND COMPANY "MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF
DATA PROCESSING"; (B) LANGHAUG-LAASE 11/22/77 LETTER

1. AS SUGGESTED REF (B), MR. CLAUDE DOWLING FROM REGIONAL
DATA PROCESSING CENTER IN PARIS SHOULD ALSO ATTEND DECEMBER
2 OECD BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF REF (A).

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED REF (A) IN DEPARTMENT AND FIND THAT
IT CONTAINS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ENABLE US TO FORM
INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT ABOUT THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
BASED SOLELY UPON INFORMATION IN REPORT, RECOMMENDATIONS
APPEAR REASONABLE.

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3. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES COULD BE DEVELOPED DURING DECEMBER 2
DISCUSSION:

-- NOTING THAT OECD'S BURROUGHS 6700 IS OPERATED ONLY ON
ONE-SHIFT BASIS, HOW BUSY IS IT DURING THIS ONE SHIFT, I.E.

IS IT FULLY OR ONLY PARTIALLY (AND IF LATTER, WHAT PERCENT-
AGE) UTILIZED?

-- COULD OECD 6700 SUPPORT ADDITIONAL TERMINALS IN THE
ADMINISTRATIVE AREA? WHAT IS MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TERMINALS
OECD 6700 CAN SUPPORT? HOW MANY TERMINALS ARE PRESENTLY
INSTALLED AND IN WHICH DIRECTORATES ARE THEY LOCATED?

-- HOW MANY SYSTEMS/PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVERTED IF
THE TWO DATA PROCESSING UNITS WERE MERGED? DOES OECD
ALREADY HAVE PERSONNEL WHO COULD HANDLE SUCH CONVERSION OR
WOULD OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE BE NECESSARY?

-- DOES DETERIORATION OF EXISTING SYSTEMS HAVE ANYTHING TO
DO WITH OECD 6700?

-- WHICH PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES ARE CURRENTLY USED WITH OECD
6700? ARE ANY STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMED IN COBAL?

4. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION DEVEL-
OPED DURING COURSE OF DECEMBER 2 MEETING AND WOULD ALSO
BE INTERESTED IN REACTIONS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS AND
SECRETARIAT TO RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REF (A).

5. AS WE VIEW SITUATION, PURPOSE OF DECEMBER 2 MEETING IS
TO HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF REF (A). WE WOULD LIKE
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OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON BASIS OF ADDI-
TIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING, AND REACTION OF AT-
TENDEES AT, DECEMBER 2 MEETING. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE
RESIST ANY ATTEMPT TO HAVE REF (A) ENDORSED OR APPROVED AT
DECEMBER 2 MEETING. VANCE

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